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Boston, July 22, 1876.

My dear Sir,

I am pleased to learn that my first paper on American Literature, in the Feb'y Harper, attracted your attention. In the second, and concluding paper, in the March number, you will find a reference to Thoreau. It was inevitable that, in going over so wide a field, I should be

compelled to give
short space to
writers whom you
and I warmly esteem.

It is my intention
to publish in the
Spring a volume
consisting of short
essays, some
seventy-five in
number. I hope
it will please

You.
Very sincerely yours
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